

TWICKENHAM & THAMES VALLEY BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the 713th Meeting held on Wednesday 29th November 2023 at 7.30pm
 on google meets

Present: Warwick Francis, Patrick Brennan, Christine Betley, Alex Lawrence, Jonathan Palmer, Jane Sachdev, Ray Nicol, Julie Hill, Candida Williamson, Harvey Kirk, Phil Webb (late)

Apologies:

1. Minutes and Outstanding Issues from last meeting

Minutes proposed by Jonathan, seconded by Jane as a true reflection of the meeting.
 Unanimously accepted.

Cement mixer at Mole has been returned to Irek

Lawnmower to be ordered by CB in Jan sales.

Dates for winter course are on the website. 18th Jan onwards.

Quiz night to be announced in new year (liaise with Fran)

Alex- trailer movement to be confirmed.

2. Apiary and Mole Works

Twickenham

- a. Tidy up day was a success, concluded with an amazing brunch. The snooker table/poster were taken. The discovery centre is very organised, some LP's remaining, Julie to get valuation/landfill in due course.
- b. Changing room and HPR tidied. Leaves now in compost heap.
- c. Ray and Graham Merry successfully removed budlea trees/leaves.
- d. Front wall needs urgent attention (brought up by Jonathan), fence part has come loose, needs attaching to brickwork. Alex to make safe, if not, RN to look for builder.
- e. Padlocks becoming difficult to use, new one required for the front gate. (Patrick) Key safe purchase discussed for future access to buildings/HPR.
- f. Outside sink/tap not working, need to get access to tap. Fixing required have access to outside water source. To sort next season

Mole

- a. Tidy up took place in November. Fruit tree too big to remove with CB's chain saw. Sonia received quote From tree surgeon (Simon) £360 to fell and £96 to grind stumps). RN proposed accepting the quote, all accepted, AL abstained.
- b. AL to remove trailer with help
- c. Honey sale to take place 30th November at Molesey Christmas fair

3. Education Group

Nothing to report. Maggie King happy to become involved next year. Candy will need to do some repairs on hide in New Year, before next season.

4. Correspondence Received

All circulated

Warwick is dealing with Winter course correspondence. Warwick has receive the ADM pack for January.

5. Social Media & Website

We have no concerns about lack of media presence unless close to shows/sales.

6. Membership

128 Registered

7 Partner

2 Country

8 Family

5 Associate

6 Honorary

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No changes to membership,
 21 new people on winter course list.
 The WC money to be kept in a sum up account and transferred to main account in due course.

7. Treasurers update (WF)

Harvey has ordered a shipment of jars, delivery in due course.
 £5500 made in 2023

8. AHAT

- a. Sally sent a link to a picture of a trap using a jam jar, which is AH specific, very cheap with good design. **More information needed RN to investigate.** RN proposal is to give one to each of the members. Harvey to stock in shop next season.
- b. Gill Silvester discussed with RN using AI for automatic AH detection on trap. No price as yet.
- c. RN attended BBKA meeting:
 1. Monitoring bait stations rather than killing traps. Spring : queen trapping
 2. NBU want all AHAG to spread info about AH and involved in monitoring, not tracking and tracing
 3. **Ray to arrange meeting with AH at Twickenham**
 4. Brentford FC willing to offer room for an AH conference with room for 150-200 people.
 5. **Julie to contact Richmond Council for list of allotments,** to put feelers out to National Trust (Ham House) Wetland Centre , Royal Parks, Hampton Court Palace. To take further at AHAT meeting in January
 6. Bait of choice is "Trappit" a wasp lure. £24 per litre. Various distributors, inc. "DIY pest control". To hold off until the new year.
 7. 2024 spring conference, talks include trapping and tracing, to inform the membership with talk next season.

9. AOB

No AOB

Meeting ended 9.45pm. Next meeting 10th January 2024 at 7.45pm via Google meet.